GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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REGISTRATION OF BOATS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made registration of all types of boats mandatory;

(b) if so, the details of fishing vessels/boats registered with the Government as on date and the fishing vessels/boats which are yet to be registered; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that the duly registered fishing vessels/boats only operate in the Indian waters?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) Yes Madam. As per the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, it is mandatory to register all types of fishing boats. The power, authority and jurisdiction exercisable in respect of survey and registration of fishing boats, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 has been delegated to the respective maritime States/ Union Territories vide notifications No. GSR 594 (E) dated 14.08.2014 and GSR 595 (E) dated 14.08.2014.

(b) The details regarding registration available in the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries' web based registration system (ReALCraft), as on 21.04.2015, are given below:

Total appli cations	Data entry in progress	Verifi- cation in pro gress	Approval in pro gress (DD)	Approval in Pro gress (JD)	Rejected certifi- cates	Approved No of certifi- cates issued	No. of printed
217746	4331	2677	940	84	4353	205355	11189 184568

(c) Under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 if an Indian fishing boat which is required to be registered under the Act is not registered in accordance with its provisions, the owner shall be liable to fine which may extend upto Rupees One Thousand.